

## Part 3: How Might Our Church Catch the Global Wave of Disciple Making Movements (DMM's)

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- Define Church Planting Movements - Church Planting Movements (CPMs) are rapidly multiplying indigenous churches planting churches that sweep across a people group or population segment.
  - Rapid - most controversial, not casually or gradually being started but rapidly reproducing. Wasn't until I got to India and saw them up close that I understood why:
    - People coming to Christ knew friends and family were lost and desperate to share and save
    - Started in homes so no economic barriers
    - Homes were small and filled fast so started new groups and homes
  - Multiplication - Incremental increase
  - Indigenous - Every movement usually begins with outsider coming in but when insiders starting churches, this becomes a movement
  - Churches Planting Churches - Tipping point in movement when insiders and unprofessionals doing it
  - Within a People Group or Population Segment - Movement occurs here - ethno linguistic community, may later jump into another ethnic community but usually among their own (oikos)
    - Doug - Other movements in other contexts? Political, etc?
      - People are people in the way they communicate, organize...especially in oppressive movements, network of cell groups that can be guided by overarching principles that allow them to hive off and reproduce
        - i.e. Communist movement
    - Follow a pattern in development of world forces, flow within that pattern happens more quickly
- Why Are CPMs So Important?:
  - God is at work in them - churches have an attractational model (lighthouse), CPMs are different because they're disseminated, 1,000s of lights
  - He has specific roles for us to play - We are God's instruments and we have learned through mistakes to be effective students
  - Nothing on earth so rapidly multiplies the glory of God - Audacious? If the glory of God is God revealed in all of His fullness & Jesus is the highest revelation of God's glory. Christ in us is the only hope of glory. So when lost people come to faith, we are seeing the Christ in us burst in others. In all we have seen, CPMs are more successful and growth in Christ-likeness over time and continues to multiply the glory of God on earth.
- Ten Universal Elements - Set aside presumptions and suspicions so not clouded, Phenomenology - suspend judgements during study. We brought in missionaries, 3 large whiteboards & markers and said tell us what happened. Reverse engineering for CPMs. Then filtered what we found through authority of scripture. Saw this is the way God's been working for 2,000 years. We can't look at this and say..."God, I see this is what You're doing but this is how Im going to do it..." These elements do not include anything that wasn't in every movement at that time.

- Extraordinary Prayer - pervasive throughout, in states and in the movement
- Abundant Evangelism - thousands of people within people group hearing the gospel every day, some said no but others said yes. If government or society can limit proclamation, then movement limited. Must look for other ways...media, etc
- Intentional Planting of Reproducing Churches - My travels through latin america showed a lot of churches that were never intended to reproduce because they thought "missionaries" do that. Must be intentional.
- The Authority of God's Word - assumed but expressed in movements was unique, easy for missionary or seasoned Christian to be authority because of Bible knowledge. In CPMs, they intentionally pointed them to God's word instead of giving answers. When missionary removed, presence of persecution or as it spread deeper in the population, they knew where to go for answers
- Local Leadership - Priority as opposed to outsiders, i.e.. not all Indians are "local", but 350 groups and languages.
- Lay Leadership - Primacy, few places where professionals, since meeting in homes and were bi-vocational but shared with others in house churches
- House Churches - meeting in homes, community, family and where discipleship takes place, economic and indigenous benefits. Gospel able to permeate husband/wife, parent/children so discipleship goes deeper
- Churches Planting Churches - grass roots, not foreign
- Rapid Reproduction - rapidly because it has to, passionate to win family and friends, willing to quit their jobs, meeting in homes & apartments so they max out quickly and expand.
- Healthy Churches - Five things through scripture. Are these evident?
  - Worshipping
  - Fellowshiping
  - Ministering
  - Discipling
  - Evangelizing and Mission
- Reflection 1
  - What questions or observations do you have?
  - What about CPMs in the US?
  - What would need to change in your ministry to enhance the likelihood of CPMs?
    - Ten Elements Analysis Chart for your Church and discover gaps
- Ten Common Characteristics Found in Most CPMs but not Universal
  - A Climate of Uncertainty in Society - when there is disruption, danger...don't retreat. It will jolt them out of status quo.
    - China - if you died tonight, would God welcome you? All knew people that died the previous night.
  - Insulation from Outsiders - happening in places that didn't have flow of western traffic, westerners create dependence, alienation, Gospel has previously been known as American thing, our largeness and generosity end up creating dependency
  - A High Cost for Following Christ - so many people persecuted and had a role of filtering out disingenuous believers
  - Bold Fearless Faith - When high persecution and people responded with timidity, it stifled movements but when they were bold, it catalyzed a movement.

- Family-Based Conversion Patterns - We thought this would be universal but, especially in urban areas, family was redefined not just blood family but urban settings have familiar relationships as family, some didn't share with parents out of respect
- Rapid Incorporation of New Believers
  - Russia - people came to Christ would sit for years in catechism and disciple classes before allowed responsibility, with CPMs, people involved right away and immediately baptized and expected to share
- Worship in the Heart Language - Originally ecclesiastical translation done for churches but when translation made available to lost people the movement broke out. Many speak non-literal language & need oral translations
- Divine Signs and Wonders - Almost every movement, signs and wonders didn't usually lead the movement but accompanied and followed, even brought back from death in Jesus name
- On-the-Job Leadership Training - Originally started seminaries in Bible college, content was good but delivery was western model, now theological education by extension, short seminars every 6 months or quarter for a week or 2 instead of years
- Missionaries Suffered - Couldn't deny it. They suffered uncanny maladies/illness, attacks on family, loss of life, accusation or succumbing to immorality. If involved in CPMs, satan will unleash hell on you and those you love in an effort to derail you.
  - Doug/Caleb - Movements in political world? Shock of why does anyone want to participate in a movement that might cost your life, job or thrown out of house? Courage to go against the flow, their story was more believable because one normally wouldn't face that high cost unless you truly believed that what you were doing was right, might be deluded but this filtered out people involved in trickery or lying.
  - Masai tribe *wanted* to pay the price for something
  - Bangladesh - twice a man left for dead after tortured, God gave him life back with scars but he said, "they can cut my body in 10,000 pieces and every piece will cry out Jesus Christ is Lord."
- Reflection 2
  - What questions or observations do you have?
  - Which of these 10 Common Characteristics are prevalent in your ministry?
  - What could or should be done to better align with these characteristics?
    - Ten Common Characteristics Chart for your Church and discover gaps
- Questions
  - When attempting a DMM amongst Muslims of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th generation immigrants in an ultra-urban, western, individualistic society...are we now attempting to look beyond an ethno-linguistic group to different glue/primary affinities such as common cause, common need etc?
    - GlobalGates.Info - immigrant groups still maintain their ethnicity, we must bridge the gap and crossover
- Resources
  - [www.moredisciples.com](http://www.moredisciples.com)
  - [www.churchplantingmovements.com](http://www.churchplantingmovements.com)
  - Garrison's Church Planting Movements, How God Is Redeeming a Lost World
  - Kevin Greeson's The Camel, How Muslims Are Coming to Faith in Christ.
  - Steve Smith's T4T: A Discipleship Re-Revolution
  - Mike Shipman's Any-3: Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime

- Garrison's A Wind in the House of Islam